

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 579  
By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sandra Cox upon being named Academy Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Cox is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cox has recently been selected as the National Career Academy Coalition's Academy Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens, Ms. Cox has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity throughout her outstanding tenure as a chemistry teacher for the Red Bank High School Health Science Academy; and

WHEREAS, part of a district-wide school reform effort, the Health Science Academy is a "school within a school," focusing on health science careers and partnering with Chattanooga area hospitals for the purpose of helping to fill the impending shortage of health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Academy is similar to a vocational school, offering students a chance to explore career opportunities, including entry-level positions as well as those of physician and research scientist; participating health care professionals serve as mentors and present classes for students on a variety of topics in addition to providing fieldwork for students; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Cox has received this national recognition for her outstanding work and tireless efforts to develop these critical partnerships with local area medical organizations,

thereby opening the door for her students to explore clinical internships, job shadowing, and invaluable mentorships; and

WHEREAS, not content to leave her important work solely in the classroom, she is also an active member of several professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cox truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Cox truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Sandra Cox on being chosen by the National Career Academy Coalition as the Academy Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.